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Good Morning Ron –

Great to see you on Tuesday morning and thanks for the update on America Recycles activities. Looking forward to working with you again this year – sounds like some exciting opportunities ahead. I spoke to Megan Daum at the American Beverage Association and they would like to be a more active member this year and would like to showcase Every Bottle Back at the Innovations Fair.

Attached is an overview of our Plastics Reprocessing Program, we are producing the support materials now and will be launching collection events post coronavirus as the current thought is to limit any group activities and public interaction. Unless you are locked down, I am going to continue to schedule a tour of New Hope, chemical recycler in Tyler Texas sometime in April. If you have some preferred dates let me know and will work those in.

Below is the Vietnam Litter Summit I mentioned, just an FYI for you. Also, don't know if the Administrator has any type of budget for the event, but it might be interesting to invite the KAB counterparts around the globe and get their perspective – understanding this event could also be delayed with current travel restrictions. Let me know if you would be interested in getting a list of contacts for them.

Also attached is the post-evaluation survey of the Market Development Workshop I promised.

Look forward to your thoughts and support on moving the ARD Recycle Hero recognition program for 2020 and working with you on linking recycling and carbon emission reductions.

I think that covers everything I committed to getting to you, if not please let me know what I missed.

Thanks again,

Randy

Dear friends,

Due to current restrictions many participants are facing due to health concerns surrounding the coronavirus, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our Global Plastics Conference - Ending Plastic Waste by two months. The health and safety of all participants have been at the forefront of this decision, and we want as many of you to be able to participate as possible. This is a decision which we have not taken lightly. We sincerely apologise for this inconvenience (especially for those who have already booked flights and accommodation). We trust that due to the reason for the postponement and the advance notice, change of flights/accommodation will be made available.

The conference has been rescheduled for the **16th to 19th June** (with main conference days on the 16th and 17th June, and specific training for a subset of participants on analytical methods taking place on the 18th and 19th of June). You will receive a new conference registration link in the coming days/week.

As so many of you have noted in our correspondence, this is not like a typical conference. This is by design! Our agenda will not be 100% pre-set, though of course an overall agenda with speaking time slots for presentations will be provided, as will the general outline for the two core meeting days.

We want to allow key discussions to guide our World Café Style interactions and discussion groups, which means there will be some fluidity in the agenda regarding specific topics. The deep consideration of invited partners means the combination of industry, government and NGO representatives participating in this meeting provides us a unique opportunity to problem solve and create collaborative projects for impact.

The venue and schedule for the conference will remain the same – see below.

Conference information summary:

Global Plastic Conference – Ending Plastic Waste	
Date	16 th to 19 th June
Location	<u>Novotel Resort, Nha Trang, Viet Nam</u> Address: 50 Tran Phu, Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa, Viet Nam
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge sharing• Innovation of ideas, solutions and opportunities• Industry, government and NGO engagement on this critical issue• Addressing the issues/needs of participating countries• Capacity building for participating countries
Schedule overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-conference (15th June): Field trip and a casual evening of meet and greet• Day 1 (16th June): Knowledge sharing and conversations around the needs of various countries• Day 2 (17th June): Discussions around ideas, solutions and opportunities• Day 3 and 4 (18th and 19th June): Global capacity building of plastic monitoring and analysis for participants who have either worked with CSIRO to collect plastics leakage data or will be collecting data in the coming six months. If you seek an exception, feel free to contact us to discuss.
Cost	Conference fee waived

We hope that you can still join us, and hopefully this change in schedule will enable you to attend. However, if you are unable to make it, please consider extending the invitation to an appropriate colleague within your organisation.

Finally, we hope this terrible coronavirus epidemic resolves soon and our sympathy goes out to those who have been directly affected.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Very best wishes,

Denise

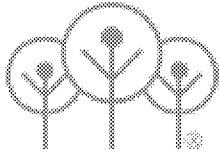
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